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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SILBERMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR OVIP OY
SUBJ: KARDELJ VISIT

REF: STATE 75527

1. KARDELJ IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT UNITED STATES WHICH I EXTENDED IN MEETING APR 19. HE IS CLEARLY PLEASED AND EAGER TO COME. AT SAME TIME UPCOMING MINOR OPERATION, HEAVY LEGISLATIVE COMMITMENTS AND COLOMBO SUMMIT PREVENT TRIP IN JULY. KARDELJ SUGGESTS SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AS EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FRAME.

2. GIVEN RECENT CONTROVERSY OVER EASTERN EUROPE KARDELJ'S DISCUSSION OF WHICH REPORTED SEPTTEL AND WITH RUMOREZ BREZHNEV TRIP HERE NEXT MONTH, BELIEVE VISIT OF MAN MOST OFTEN SPOKEN OF AS TITO'S SUCCESSOR ASSUMES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. IT WOULD PROVIDE VISIBLE SIGNAL IN 1976 OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE AND OUR OVERALL INTEREST IN EASTERN EUROPE. THUS I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO KARDELJ IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH SPECIFIC DATES FOR MEETINGS WITH YOU IN EARLY FALL.
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